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#### REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application. The Examiner is also thanked for properly withdrawing his prior rejections. The Examiner is further thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of August 4, 2009, during which the claim rejections were discussed, and the Examiner agreed that the claim amendments made herein would define over the prior art. No new matter has been added.

#### I. The Claimed Invention

The present invention, as recited in amended independent Claim 56, for example, is directed to a system for providing configuration data for remotely accessing electronic mail (email) on a plurality of source mailboxes. The system includes a user system including a processor and at least one email client using the processor for accessing the plurality of source mailboxes, and a mailbox configuration data source having configuration parameters stored therein for configuring access to the plurality of source mailboxes from the at least one email client. The system also includes a web service for allowing the user system to access the plurality of source mailboxes, and a configuration module for retrieving from the mailbox configuration data source, without user intervention, respective configuration parameters for at least one source mailbox, and for configuring the web service also without user intervention. The configuration module has at least a portion remote from the user

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system and includes an import module having at least one mailbox import agent corresponding to the at least one email client for retrieving, without user intervention, configuration parameters from the mailbox configuration data source and generating respective configuration data objects for each respective one of the plurality of source mailboxes. The web service includes a configuration web page for allowing the user system to download and execute at least a portion of the remote portion of the configuration module.

Amended independent Claim 64 is directed to a corresponding method of independent Claim 56 and has been amended similarly to amended independent Claim 56.

## **II. The Amended Claims Are Patentable**

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 56 and 64 over a combination of Smith et al., the Temple reference, and Arnold et al. Independent Claims 56 and 64 have been amended to recite the web service includes a configuration web page for allowing the user system to download and execute at least a portion of the remote portion of the configuration module. Applicant submits, and the Examiner agreed that even a selective combination of the prior art fails to disclose the above-noted recitation.

Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 56 and 64 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.


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### III. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If the Examiner determines any remaining informalities exist, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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